

3502. PHOENIX DACTYLIFERA.**Date.**

From Algeria. Received through Mr. W. T. Swingle, May, 1899.

Deglet el beida. A dry date, well known throughout the western Sahara. (See No. 3202.) Distributed.

3503. PHOENIX DACTYLIFERA.**Date.**

From Algeria. Received through Mr. W. T. Swingle, May, 1899.

Bisraheloua. "A medium-sized date about an inch long and three-fourths of an inch in diameter. Colored like the *deglet nou*, and resembles it except that it is a little smaller and has a blunter seed. It is of good flavor." (*Swingle*.) Distributed.

3504. PHOENIX DACTYLIFERA.**Date.**

From Algeria. Received through Mr. W. T. Swingle, May, 1899.

Dokar (male). "Fruits from a tree which was said by the Arabs to have been male until after having the top cut off to make palm wine. The new top which grew out is female." (*Swingle*.) Distributed.

3505. PHOENIX DACTYLIFERA.**Date.**

From Algeria. Received through Mr. W. T. Swingle, May, 1899.

El Helloua or *Helouaia* (The sweet). "A soft or half-dry date $\frac{3}{4}$ by $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches; of good quality; medium size; keeps six months. Specimens of this date obtained at Chetna, near Biskra, were very sweet. The flesh had very little fiber and was sometimes perfectly dry, but in other specimens only half dry. The palm is tall and slender and bears about 12 fruit clusters, which ripen in October." (*Swingle*.) Distributed.

3506. PHOENIX DACTYLIFERA.**Date.**

From Algeria. Received through Mr. W. T. Swingle, May, 1899.

Retbet regaia. "A medium sized, very soft date of value. Specimens obtained at the oasis of Cora were about an inch long and three-quarters of an inch thick. The flesh was mushy and adherent to the stone. Very sweet and nearly free from fiber; rich red in color." (*Swingle*.) Distributed.

3507. MEDICAGO SATIVA.**Alfalfa.**

From Buenos Aires, Argentine Republic. Received through Messrs. Lathrop and Fairchild (No. 195), 1899.

Bonaerense. "Alfalfa seed from Buenos Aires province. Said to yield a heavier crop of hay than that from Mendoza (see No. 3508), and hence considered superior for baling. The temperature never reaches freezing here." (*Fairchild*.)

3508. MEDICAGO SATIVA.**Alfalfa.**

From Buenos Aires, Argentine Republic. Received through Messrs. Lathrop and Fairchild (No. 194), 1899.

Mendoza. (See No. 3507.)

3509. OPUNTIA.**Prickly pear.**

From Palermo, Sicily. Received through Mr. W. T. Swingle, May, 1899.

Three fruits were sent under this number. They arrived fresh and in good condition. Distributed.

3510. DIOSCOREA TRIFIDA.**Red Cush-cush.**

From Caracas, Venezuela. Donated by Prof. A. Ernst, through Messrs. Lathrop and Fairchild, June, 1899.

"The tubers are planted just like potatoes, in rich soil, and produce in about six months a tolerably abundant crop in a warm climate." (*Ernst*.)

"This yam is extensively known in Venezuela by the name of *Mapuey morado*.